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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A process for hydroformylating olefins, comprising: the reaction of reacting a monoolefin or a monoolefin mixture having from 2 to 25 carbon atoms with a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen in the presence of a heteroacylphosphite of general formula (1) or a corresponding complex with one or more metals of groups 4 to 10 of the Periodic Table of the Elements

where wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and q are the same or different and are each a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, alicyclic, aromatic, heteroaromatic, mixed aliphaticalicyclic, mixed aliphaticaromatic, heterocyclic, mixed aliphaticaromatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 70 carbon atoms, H, F, Cl, Br, I, $-CF_3$, $-CH_2(CF_2)_jCF_3$ where wherein j = 0.9, $-OR^5$, $-CO_2R^5$, $-CO_2M$, $-SiR^5_3$, $-SR^5$, $-SO_2R^5$, $-SO_3R^5$, $-SO_3M$, $-SO_2NR^5R^6$, $-NR^5R^6$, $-N=CR^5R^6$,

where wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are each as defined for R¹, and M is an alkali metal, formally half an alkaline earth metal ion, an ammonium or phosphonium ion, x, y, z are each independently O, NR⁷, S, where wherein R⁷ is as defined

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for q, and x, y, z are not simultaneously O, with the proviso that when q is a radical which has a structural formula (6c)

$$R^2$$
 X^1
 X^1
 X^1
 X^2
 X^3
 X^4
 X^4

where wherein the R^1 to R^4 radicals are each as defined for formula (1), x^1 , y^1 , z^1 are each independently O, NR^7 , S, where wherein R^7 is as defined for q, T is an oxygen or an NR^{30} radical, where wherein R^{30} is as defined for q, and the a position serves as the attachment point,

x and x^1 must not simultaneously be N, and x must not be N when T is NR^{30} .

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that wherein the R¹ and R², R² and R³ and/or R³ and R⁴ radicals form a fused substituted or unsubstituted aromatic, heteroaromatic, aliphatic, mixed aromatic-aliphatic or mixed heteroaromatic-aliphatic ring system.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that wherein the q radical consists of the W-R radicals where wherein W is a divalent substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, alicyclic, mixed aliphatic-alicyclic, heterocyclic, mixed aliphatic-heterocyclic, aromatic, heteroaromatic, mixed aliphatic-aromatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 50 carbon atoms, and the R radical is -OR⁵, -NR⁵R⁶, phosphite, phosphonite, phosphine or heteroacylphosphite of formula (6c), where wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are as defined for R¹.

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Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that wherein

W is a radical of general formula (2)

$$R^{9}$$
 R^{10}
 R^{11}
 R^{12}
 R^{13}
 R^{14}
 R^{15}
 R^{15}
(2)

where wherein R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} and R^{15} are the same or different and are each as defined for R^1 ,

t is a divalent $CR^{16}R^{17}$, $SiR^{16}R^{17}$, NR^{16} , O or S radical, and R^{16} and R^{17} are each as defined for R^5 and R^6 , n = 0 or 1 and the a and b positions serve as attachment points.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that wherein in each case two adjacent R⁹ to R¹⁵ radicals together form a fused substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic, heteroaromatic, aliphatic, mixed aromatic-aliphatic or mixed heteroaromatic-aliphatic ring system.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 18, characterized in that wherein W is a radical of general formula (3):

$$R^{19}$$
 R^{18}
 R^{18}
 R^{20}
 R^{21}
 R^{22}
 R^{23}
 R^{23}
 R^{23}
 R^{23}

where wherein

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 R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{20} , R^{21} , R^{22} and R^{23} are the same or different and are each as defined for R^1 , t is a divalent $CR^{16}R^{17}$, $SiR^{16}R^{17}$, NR^{16} , O or S radical, and R^{16} and R^{17} are each as defined for R^5 and R^6 , n=0 or 1 and the a and b positions serve as attachment points.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 20, eharacterized in that wherein in each case two adjacent R¹⁸ to R²³ radicals together form a fused substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic, heteroaromatic, aliphatic, mixed aromatic-aliphatic or mixed heteroaromatic-aliphatic ring system.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that wherein

W is a radical of general formula (4):

where wherein u is a divalent group selected from radicals of formulae (5a), (5b) and (5c)

$$R^{24}$$
 R^{25} R^{26} R^{27} R^{24} R^{25} R^{24} R^{25} R^{24} R^{25} R^{26} R^{27} R^{27} R^{27} R^{27} R^{28} R^{29} R

in which R^{24} , R^{25} , R^{26} and R^{27} are the same or different and are each as defined for R^1 , and the a and b positions serve as attachment points.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that wherein two adjacent R²⁴ to R²⁷ radicals together form a fused substituted or unsubstituted, aromatic, heteroaromatic, aliphatic, mixed aromatic-aliphatic or mixed heteroaromatic-aliphatic ring system.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that wherein

R represents radicals of general formulae (6a), (6b) and (6c):

where wherein R²⁸ and R²⁹ are the same or different and are each as defined for R¹,

x, y, z and W are each defined as specified and

$$m = 0$$
 or 1, $n = 0$ or 1, $k = 0$ or 1, $l = 0$ or 1,

and the position a serves as the attachment point.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that wherein the metal of groups 4 to 10 of the Periodic Table is selected from the group consisting of rhodium, platinum, palladium, cobalt and ruthenium.

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Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that wherein further phosphorus ligands are present.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A process for <u>making a compound, comprising:</u>

hydrocyanation, isomerization of olefins or amidocarbonylation hydrocyanating,
isomerizing of an olefin or amidocarbonylating in the presence of heteroacylphosphines of formula (1)

or metal complexes thereof,

where wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and q are the same or different and are each a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, alicyclic, aromatic, heteroaromatic, mixed aliphatic-alicyclic, mixed aliphatic-aromatic, heterocyclic, mixed aliphatic-heterocyclic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 70 carbon atoms, H, F, Cl, Br, I, -CF₃, -CH₂(CF₂)_jCF₃ where wherein j = 0-9, -OR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CO₂M, -SiR⁵₃, -SR⁵, -SO₂R⁵, -SOR⁵, -SO₃R⁵, -SO₃M, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶, -NR⁵R⁶, -N=CR⁵R⁶, where wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are each as defined for R¹, and M is an alkali metal ion, formally half an alkaline earth metal ion, an ammonium or phosphonium ion, x, y, z are each independently O, NR⁷, S, where wherein R⁷ is as defined for R¹.

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Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A process for carbonylation in the presence of a heteroacylphosphite of formula (1)

$$R^{2} \xrightarrow{R^{1}} Q$$

$$X$$

$$R^{3} \xrightarrow{X} y$$

$$Z \xrightarrow{q}$$

$$(1)$$

or metal complexes thereof,

where wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and q are the same or different and are each a substituted or unsubstituted aliphatic, alicyclic, aromatic, heteroaromatic, mixed aliphatic-alicyclic, mixed aliphatic-aromatic, heterocyclic, mixed aliphatic-heterocyclic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 70 carbon atoms, H, F, Cl, Br, I, -CF₃, -CH₂(CF₂)_jCF₃ where wherein j = 0-9, -OR⁵, -COR⁵, -CO₂R⁵, -CO₂M, -SiR⁵₃, -SR⁵, -SO₂R⁵, -SOR⁵, -SO₃R⁵, -SO₃M, -SO₂NR⁵R⁶, -NR⁵R⁶, -N=CR⁵R⁶, where wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are the same or different and are each as defined for R¹, and M is an alkali metal ion, formally half an alkaline earth metal ion, an ammonium or phosphonium ion, x, y, z are each independently 0, NR⁷, S, where wherein R⁷ is as defined for q, and x, y, z are not simultaneously 0, with the proviso that when q has a radical which has a structural formula (6e)

$$R^2$$
 X^1
 X^1
 X^2
 X^3
 X^4
 X^4

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where wherein the R^1 to R^4 radicals are each as defined for formula (1), x^1 , y^1 , z^1 are each independently O, NR^7 , S, where wherein R^7 is as defined for q, T is an oxygen or an NR^{30} radical, where wherein R^{30} is as defined for q, and the a position serves as the attachment point, x and x^1 must not simultaneously be N and

x must not be N when T is NR³⁰.